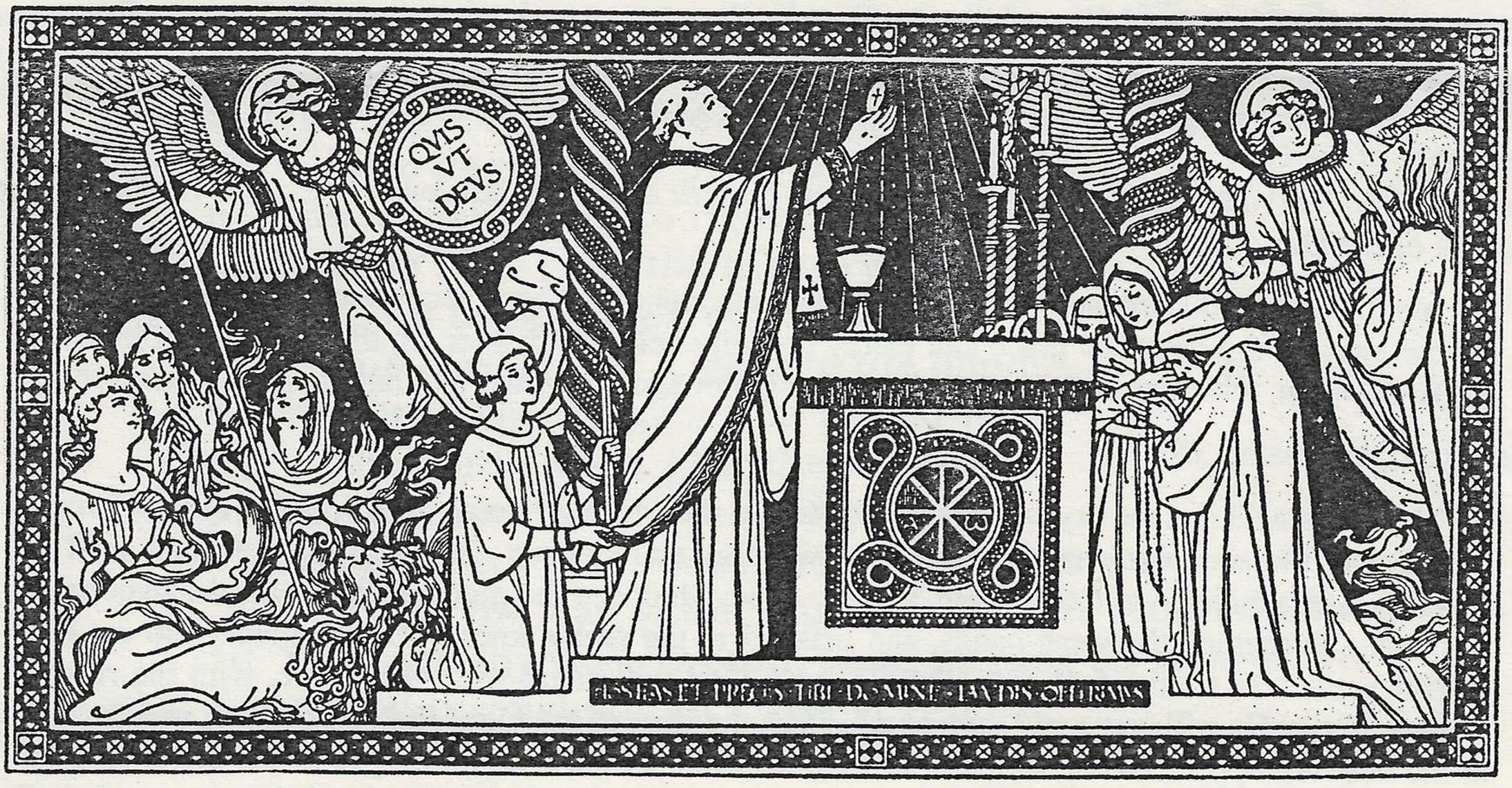
A Festival Mass
to celebrate the
Silver Jubilee
of the
Ordination to the Priesthood
of
The Rev'd Dr. David L. Moyer, SSC, Rector



Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, Pennsylvania
December 16, 2001

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete or Rose Sunday

December 16, 2001

At both services the liturgy begins on p. 249 of The Anglican Service Book.

8 am

Low Mass

10 am

Voluntary: *Cortège et Litanie* Marcel Dupré

The Holy Eucharist

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 4 "Rejoice, rejoice, believers!" *Greenland*
Opening Acclamation *Anglican Service Book* p. 249
Collect for Purity
Summary of the Law
Kyrie eleison – Hymnal 710 *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Healey Willan
Collect of the Day

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory; world without end. ***Amen.***

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm 146:4-10 Plainsong (I,1)

ANTIPHON:
(Sung by Cantor; repeated by all)

Cantor: 4 Bless-ed is he that hath the God of Já-cob fór his help:
All: and whose hope is | in the Lórd his God.
5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and áll that thére-in is:
who keepeth his pro-| mise for év-er.
6 Who helpeth them to ríght that súf-fer wrong:
who feed-| eth the hún-gry.
7 The Lord looseth mén out of pri-son:
the Lord giveth | sight to thé blind.
8 The Lord helpeth thém that are fál-len:
the Lord careth | for the ríght-eous.
9 The Lord careth for the strangers;
he defendeth the father-léss and wí-dow:
as for the way of the ungodly, he turn-|eth it úp-side down.
10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be Kíng for év-er-more:
and throughout all | gen-er-á-tions.

All: REPEAT ANTIPHON

Second Reading: St. James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble, brethren, against one another, that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the doors. As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hymn 312 "The Lord will come and not be slow" *York*

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-11

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings' houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.' Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Nicene Creed *ASB* p. 253
Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution p. 256
The Peace

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem at the Offertory: "O thou the central orb" Charles Wood

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high, eternal light
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within.

-- Henry Ramsden Bramley

Hymn 220 "God of the prophets" *Toulon*
Eucharistic Prayer p. 275
Sanctus and *Benedictus* – Hymnal 797 Willan
Our Father p. 263
Agnus Dei – Hymnal 712 Willan
Distribution of Holy Communion *(after which children go to Sunday school)*

Motet: "Priesthood" — W. J. Gatens

The holy men of God such vessels are,
As serve him up, who all the world commands:
When God vouchsafeth to become our fare,
Their hands convey him, who conveys their hands.
O what pure things, most pure must those things be,
Who bring my God to me!

-- George Herbert

Hymn 418 "Blest are the pure in heart" — *Franconia*
Post-Communion Prayer — p. 266
Blessing
Sermon — Bishop MacBurney
Hymn 5 "Lo! he comes with clouds descending" — *Helmsley*
Dismissal
Voluntary: Prelude on *St. Thomas* — Sir C. Hubert H. Parry

The Sanctuary and Lady Chapel altar flowers are given to the glory of God ***in thanksgiving for the faithful ministry and witness of the Moyer family,*** by the Vestry and Altar Guild. Additional flowers are given as a ***thank offering*** by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Clement.

The sacrament lights burn to the glory of God in loving memory of: Sanctuary, ***Louis A. Mascherino, Sr.,*** by Cookie and Dominic Mattioni; Lady Chapel, ***Emily Lazes.***

We welcome as our preacher this morning at the 10 am Mass the Rt. Rev'd Edward H. MacBurney, SSC, Seventh Bishop of Quincy, Retired; we are glad he and his wife Anne can be with us on this special day.

The premiere performance of the motet "Priesthood," written by Dr. Gatens especially for this occasion, will take place at the 10 am Mass.

During Advent no flowers are on the altars except on Rose Sunday. If you wish to give a memorial or thank offering at this or any other time of the year, you may with a sacrament light; signup forms are on Tower bulletin board: to give for High Altar or Lady Chapel on a Sunday, please follow directions on the appropriate dated form and *leave it attached* for us to remove the week before your chosen Sunday.

Welcome all visitors—*we are glad you joined us today. Please sign our guest book and introduce yourself to the clergy; we want to meet you! The Episcopal Church in the USA is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion and part of God's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Good Shepherd is a parish church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and affiliated with Forward in Faith/North America. All baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist and are repentant of their sins, striving to live a new Life in Christ, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a parish home, please consider us as a place in which to worship and express your commitment to Christ.*

(SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2001) **NOTES FOR TODAY** (DEADLINE: 1 PM MON. PRECEDING)

Nursery care and **Sunday school** (above 1st grade) are at 9:45 am and 10:50 am respectively, and the **Children's chapel service** (age 3-1st grade) is at 10 am, all in Education Building.

Holy Unction (for healing): each Sunday in Lady Chapel immediately after 10 am Mass.

A seated luncheon in KGH follows the 10 am Mass, to continue the celebration of the Rector's Silver Jubilee. Gift shop and coffee hour resume next week; coffee hour hosts will be the Moyer children.

Nativity pageant rehearsal, 11:45 am-12:30 pm today and 12/23 (the final rehearsal); any child participating in the pageant must attend practice.

Adult Forum does not meet today but resumes next Sunday (12-12:45 pm, Library) for the final topic in our Advent series led by Fr. Austin: *"Hallelujah!"—The Bible and Handel's "Messiah."* The topic on that day will be *For unto us a child is born.* Get some coffee and join us (prior attendance unnecessary).

Sunday Evening Prayer & Study, 5 pm, Lady Chapel. Topic: *The social implications of the Oxford Movement—The departure of Newman 1845 and the leadership of Pusey.*

THIS WEEK

Mon: ***Women's Bible study***, 7:30 pm, Library; the Rector leads a study in the book of Revelation. The group then breaks for the holidays, resuming January 7th.

Tue: *Vestry* meets, 7:30 pm, Library. Also this day: all are invited to sing ***Christmas Carols at Rosemont Manor***, 7 pm; meet in Choir Room, 6:45 pm. We've done this for years, always with great joy. If you have children with "stage presence" who know the words, bring them along; in the past this was quite a hit with the residents!

Fri (St. Thomas): Mass 12:05 pm.

Confessions (Baptistry): Wednesday, Fr. Moyer; Saturday, Fr. Moyer.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Dec 24 (Christmas Eve): 4 pm ***Nativity Pageant and Blessing of Crèche*** *(participants to be here at 3:20)*, 10:30 pm *Carol Sing* with instrumental music, 11 pm ***Solemn Christ Mass of Midnight*** (Oldroyd's *Mass of the Quiet Hour*) with brass ensemble (the Rector preaches).

Dec 25 (Christmas Day): 8 am ***Low Mass***; 10 am ***Sung Mass with Carols;*** Deacon Dickinson preaches at both Masses.

Dec 26 (St. Stephen): Mass 7 am, 12:05 and 7 pm. Office is closed.

Dec 27 (St. John): Mass 12:05 and 7 pm. ***Casserole pickup day***; put yours in freezer by 9:30 am.

Dec 28 (Holy Innocents): Mass 12:05 pm.

Dec 30 (1 Christmas): Mass 8 and 10 am; nursery care but no Sunday school.

Jan 1 (The Holy Name and **New Year's Day)**: Mass 12:05 pm only; no public Daily Office.

Jan 6 (The Epiphany): Mass 8 and 10 am; Sunday school resumes. Adult Forum starts its Epiphany series: *"The gifts of the Jews"–How a tribe of desert nomads changed the way everyone thinks and feels.*

Jan 12: ***First Communion class starts***, 10:15 am, Library, to prepare for their First Communion at 10 am Mass on 2/10.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Notes deadline for service bulletins dated 12/23 through 12/30: With 5 bulletins in 8 days, we ask that all items be submitted by *Monday 12/17*; also please tell us if your group stops for the holidays and later resumes.

If you wish preparation in early 2002 for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Deacon Dickinson.

Christmas outreach project: Please remember the Angel Tree (details on colored fliers in Tower).

Order forms for *The Gifts of the Jews*, the book to be used in the Adult Forum from 1/6 to 2/10, are in Tower.

For those@St. Barnabas Mission—Tower basket: for nonperishable *food only;* KGH box: only *bagged* personal care items, towels/washcloths, infant formula; cash supports 1 meal/month: please *don't* put it into basket or box.

St. John's Hospice casseroles (pans/lids/recipes in Tower): put casserole in freezer (closet off KGH stage) by 12/27, 9:30 am.

Campbell's labels for St. Jude's Ranch for Children: use envelope on Office door or Parish House/KGH bulletin boards.

St. Augustine's Prayer Book ($15.50) and ***Anglo-Catholic Customs*** ($12): sold at Gift Shop and Office.

The King's Highway ($14) and ***The Anglican Service Book*** ($16 w/ribbon markers, $14 w/o): sold at Office.

The Good Shepherd Thrift Shop is open Weds and Sats from 10 am-3 pm; please come visit us! No more donations of clothing are needed until further notice, but household goods, bric-a-brac, and jewelry are always appreciated.

The Rev'd David L. Moyer, SSC, D.Min.....*Rector*
The Rev'd Garrin W. Dickinson, M.Div.....*Curate*
The Rev'd Vernon A. Austin, SSC, M.Div.....*Assisting Priest*
The Rev'd Samuel A. Murangi, M.S.S.....*Assisting Priest*
William J. Gatens, D.Phil.....*Organist and Choirmaster*
Virginia A. Child, M.Ed.....*Parish Secretary*
John H. Standing, M.A.....*Office Assistant*
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Thrift Shop (Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-3 pm)*.....610-525-7634

Rectory.....610-525-9583 Choir Room.....610-525-7529 Altar Guild.....610-896-7870
Curate.....610-527-2198 ✠ ✠ ✠ Altar Flowers.....610-525-7796

Schedule of Masses

Sunday Low Mass.....8:00 am
Sunday High Mass.....10:00 am
Monday through Friday.....12:05 pm
Wednesday*.....7:00 am
Saturday.....9:00 am
Holy Days and monthly Requiem..... as announced

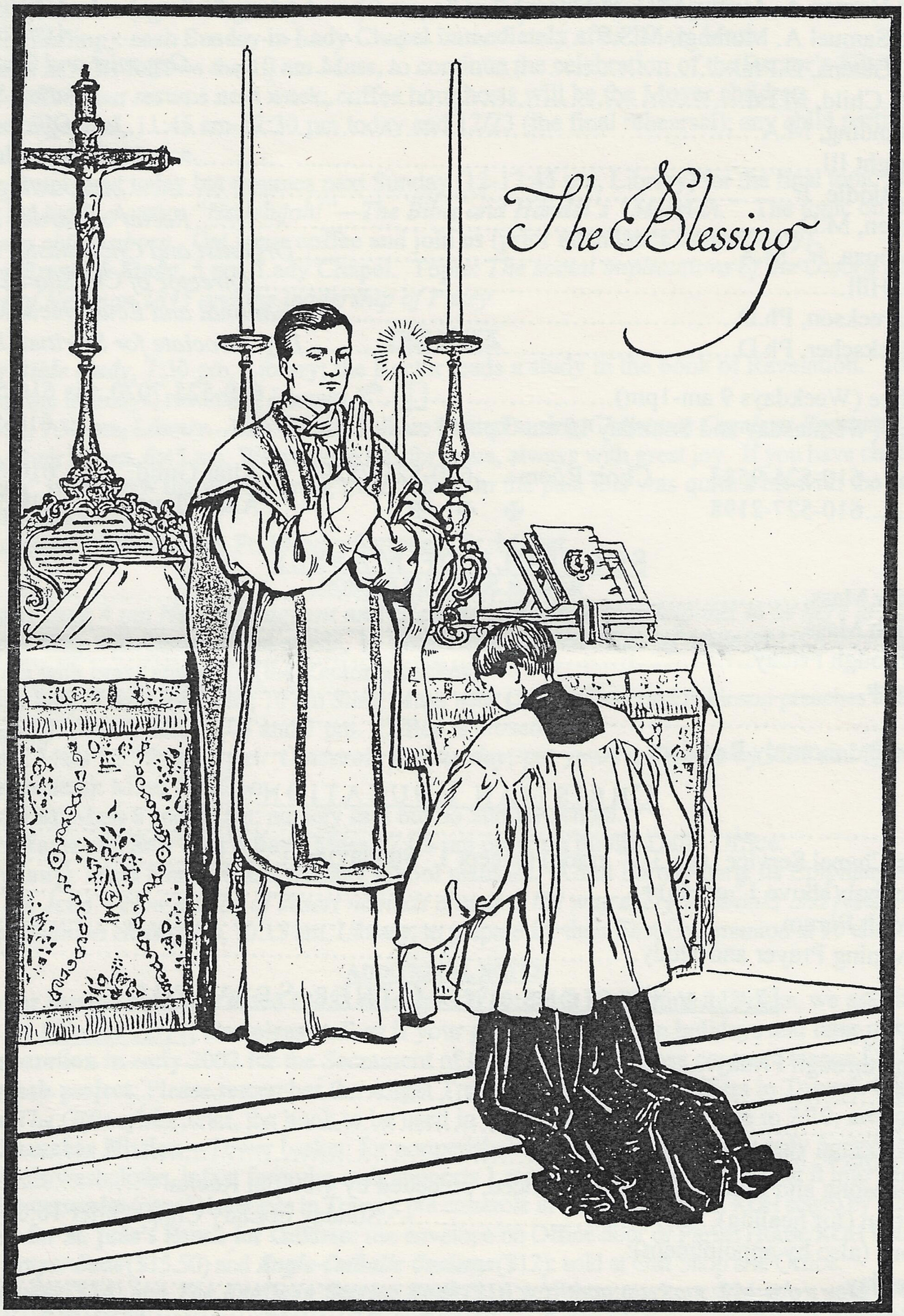
Christian Education

Nursery.....9:45 am
Children's Chapel Service (age 3-1st grade) (except 1st Sunday)*.....10:00 am
Sunday School (above 1st grade)*.....10:50 am
Sunday Adult Forum..... noon
Sunday Evening Prayer and Study.....5:00 pm

Daily Offices and Other Services

Morning Prayer:
Monday through Friday.....9:00 am
Saturday.....8:30 am
Sunday.....7:30 am
Evening Prayer*: Monday through Friday.....5:00 pm
Choral Evensong and Benediction as announced, preceded by 4:00 pm Recital*.....4:30 pm
Holy Unction (for healing).....Sunday in Lady Chapel after 10:00 am Mass
Confessions (also by appointment):
Wednesday.....11:30 am
Saturday.....9:30 am

* not in summer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